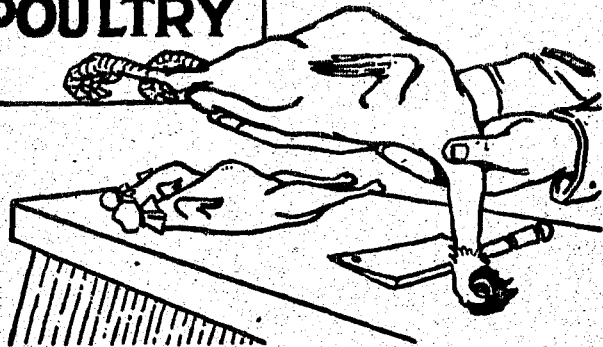


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WE are placed in an exceptionally fortunate position as regards poultry. We can supply you with the finest in the market. If you want a nice, tender chicken, for example, be sure you come to us for it. We are absolutely sure we will please you in everything.

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Milk's Market

Phone No. 2



To Our Customers:

With the approach of the Christmas holiday season of 1914, I wish to take opportunity of thanking our many customers for the liberal patronage extended to us during the year just drawing to a close. It is indeed with feeling of deep gratitude we realize that our success is not so much the result of our personal endeavor as it is the continued patronage of our many friends and customers.

It is, therefore, with the utmost sincerity we grasp this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude and to extend to each and every one our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

E. Petersen,

The Grocer.

STOP! LOOK!! LISTEN!!!

Owing to the lateness of the cold season we are going to sell any of our heating stoves which we have in stock at

10 Per Cent Reduction

Remember this includes any heating stove we have in stock. One line of which is the Famous Florence Hot Blast Air Tight Heating Stoves. We have a few pairs of Skates left yet at a very low price.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Here

We have the goods that will make your wife happy the whole year

A. Kraus Est.

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The Crawford Avalanche

Crawford County's Home Paper

Our advertisements bring results

Local News

The shingle mill at Lovells started working last Monday.

Sheriff elect Cody made a business trip to Cheboygan Tuesday.

Gottie Kraus is expected home from Detroit to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hammond and Peter Peterson will spend Christmas in Bay City.

Irving Hodge is assisting in the M. Simpson Est. grocery during the holiday season.

Mrs. Jane Peters of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Shaw, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Wetz of Dayton, Ohio, is expected to arrive in time to spend Christmas with her relatives in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burke of Frederic were called to Union City Mich., last week to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Laura Simpson, who is a teacher in the schools at Calumet, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays at her home.

Mrs. A. Kraus returned Monday after a six weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Saginaw, Detroit, Lansing and Ypsilanti.

Invitations have been received by many here to attend a grand dancing party at West Branch Christmas night, given by a young men's club.

Miss Cornelia Meistrup arrived home from Houston, Miss., Tuesday to spend the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Meistrup, and other relatives.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all the latest effects. If.

Tonight, Wednesday, at 7:00 o'clock a children's Christmas tree will be decorated at the Methodist church and the scholars will give a program of recitation and song. All welcome.

The Avalanche has secured a number of maps of Crawford county that we will furnish with new or renewal subscription at 50 cents each. The regular price of these maps is \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan, Miss Nellie Shanahan and Edmund Shanahan attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. F. Brady, in Mackinaw last Friday.

Miss Augusta Kraus, who has been taking a primary graded course at the Ypsilanti normal school, graduated with high honors last Thursday evening. We congratulate Miss Kraus on her success.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble will spend Christmas in Detroit, guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Guy Bradley. Mr. Tromble says that this will be the first Christmas spent away from Grayling during the past 25 years.

An article written by Mrs. Edith C. Munger, of Hart, Mich., in the interest of bird life, is published in this issue of the Avalanche. Our little feathered friends are deserving of consideration during this time of year when food is hard to find. The article is headed "Free Reception, Lunch and Concert on Christmas Day."

Frank Carpenter of this city has established a milk business here, supplying his first customers Monday. This has been a long felt need in Grayling for at times it has been impossible to obtain any milk at all. Mr. Carpenter says that he has about 150 customers to begin with and says that he will be able to supply an unlimited number. He is using sanitary milk tickets, such as are used in large cities, and intends to keep everything right up to the standard required by the State Dairy and Food department. Mr. Carpenter was formerly a meat cutter in the Guy Slade market.

Among the special Christmas editions coming to us as exchanges we note with pride those of The Ithaca Herald, edited by McCall Bros.; Osego Advance, edited by Forrest A. Lord; Presque Isle Advance, of Rogers City, edited by Harry Whiteley, representative elect from this district; and the Hastings Banner, edited by Cook Bros. All four of these editions are deserving of a lot of credit for their excellent appearances and for the large amount of advertising they carry. They are mirrors of the business enterprises in the communities they represent and of the hustling ability of their publishers.

Miss Louise Trevegno is in Mercy hospital, where she underwent an operation Monday. For some time she had been having trouble with her spine, and was operated upon at Mt. Pleasant last year for such trouble. Drs. Insley and Keyport who performed the operation Monday say that they have found the real cause of her trouble and that they expect no more recurrence. It is expected that Miss Trevegno will have to remain at the hospital for three or four weeks, where she is being made as comfortable as possible.

She is expecting her mother to arrive from Mt. Pleasant to spend a few days and help to cheer her up over Christmas time. Miss Augusta Kraus will fill Miss Trevegno's place as teacher in the South side school until she is able to return.

At a meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge Tuesday evening, Charles O. McCullough was elected manager of the Temple theatre, and he will assume his duties at once. Since the lease of Mr. Balling had expired (December 1st) Mr. McCullough has been looking after the Temple and has been so successful that the lodge has elected him manager for another year. Mr. McCullough requested us to say that the Temple was for rent for all purposes such as shows, dancing parties, lectures and all kind of entertainments, and agrees that the room will be comfortable and warm for all occasions. The Temple is the only public place available in Grayling for dancing parties, at the present time. The next party to be held there will be the third annual party of the Loyd Order of Moose on New Year's night. This will soon be followed by the big society event, the Charity ball, and later by the first annual K. of P. ball.

Local news will be found on the first, fifth and eighth pages this week.

Gymnasium Nearly Finished.

The gymnasium, which is being erected by The Danish Young People's society, is now nearing completion. The furnace is installed, and the building is being wired for lights. As soon as the building is finished arrangements have been made for an afternoon entertainment, which will consist of lectures, etc., and this will be free of charge. In the evening there will be exhibitions of Scandinavian Folk dances, children's plays, gymnastic exercises etc., for which there will be a small admission fee charged, in order to help defray expenses for apparatus to be used there. Date will be given later.

Social membership cards (price of which is \$1.00 a year) will soon be on sale. These will entitle holders to go to some exhibitions in gymnastic exercises, which will be held from time to time, when members will be notified of dates in the Avalanche columns. The young people hope to dispose of a goodly number of these cards and those not desiring to join gymnasium classes will help the cause along by joining club as a social members.

The price of joining gymnastic classes is \$1 and 50 cents fee a month payable quarterly in advance. This is not a Danish affair altogether but open for everyone fourteen years of age or over. Gymnasium suits can be had at Olaf Sorenson & Sons' store.

As soon as the building is opened classes will be organized and work begun.

Citizens' Band Concert.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage as well as the despondent breast."

On Thursday evening last, the Grayling Citizens' band, under the leadership of E. G. Clark gave a high class concert at the Temple theatre. The pieces rendered were well executed and the leader and players are to be complimented on their efficiency. A charming medley of Irish compositions was executed by the band with great feeling and effect. Various musical solos were rendered, including a couple of vocal solos, "A Game of Love" and "You're Here and I'm Here", sung by Ross Gleason, which received great applause. Rev. Mitchell sang beautifully "The Lost Chord." A cornet and trombone duet by Clark and Brown was well received. A saxophone solo by Francis Reagan was fine, and a baritone solo, "The Message," by Claude Gilson was well received. There was dancing after the concert, which was very much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

M. E. Church Notes.

It is a many thing to join in Christian worship at some church or other. Rev. A. Mitchell of the Methodist church welcomes you to services on Sunday next, in the morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:00 o'clock. Good, stirring music and singing. The church is nicely heated. Parents, send your children to Sunday school. Last Sunday we had 170 scholars present. Make this church your home church and get into the habit of going to service.

Resolutions of Condolence.

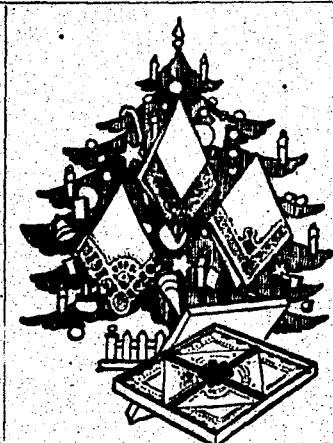
Companion Court, Grayling No. 652. Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved companion, Ida Hammond Peterson, be it resolved that the sympathy of our court be extended to the bereaved husband and family in this, their sad hour, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed on file, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to the local paper for publication. FLORENCE SCHERACK, EMMA CODY, LAUREN VAN PATTEN, Committee.



Christmas Store House

Great Xmas stocks crowd the walls of this store—useful reasonable articles, fresh from the leading makers of this country and Europe. Each assortment bears the unmistakable hall-mark of distinctive quality, etc., so desirable when selecting gifts. Save time, trouble and money, by coming direct to this Xmas Store House for your Holiday Presents.



Holiday Handkerchiefs

for men, women and children. There are no disappointments because of duplications if you give handkerchiefs—who ever had too many handkerchiefs? Prices 5c to \$2.

Hosiery

Stylish, serviceable gifts in silk for men and women.

Men's Neckwear

Bought expressly for Xmas, hence strictly up-to-date.

The latest for women and children in ruffings, collars, stocks, collar sets, scarfs, jabots, etc.

Christmas Aprons

An attractive specialty with us. Inexpensive but acceptable presents. Maids aprons, tea aprons, fancy bib aprons.

Fancy Linens

Our reputation as the Linen Store adds to the appreciation of your gift if it is bought here. Lunch cloths, lunch sets, table sets, tablecloths, napkins, towels and scarfs.

Bags, Suit Cases

What is more practical and suitable for a Xmas gift than a travelling bag or suit case?

Practically everything in travelling luggage will be found here and we pride ourselves that our prices, quality considered, are the lowest in the city.



EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Store



Gloves

Best domestic and foreign makes for women and children, for evening, dress street, automobile, etc.

Infants Wear

The Xmas Mecca for many mothers. Knit toques, sweaters, leggings, booties, mittens, veils, sacques.

Our Xmas Stock

is twice as large as last season, and our heavier buying has made possible still lower prices.

Back Combs, Barrettes

Gems from the most artistic makers—the showing includes gold engraved set with finest quality Rhine stones; also plain side combs and back combs in amber, shell and gray.

Stylish Footwear

We will not only sell you shoes—we will fit your feet.

See our line of fancy Indian moccasins, for men, women and children, with fancy fur trimming.

Men's Shirts

Splendid line of men's fancy and working shirts, also collars, cuffs, etc.

A large assortment of bath robe blankets, prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$4.00 in all colors and designs.

For more about our superb stock from which to choose your Xmas Gifts we cordially invite you to call and see for yourself. Make this store your headquarters.



Use Our Want Ad Column

RUSSIANS FLEE SAYS GERMANY

Berlin Hopes Invasion Peril Ended—Czar Denies Disaster.

CHECK ENEMY IN GALICIA

Statement From Petrograd Claims Muscovites Have Captured Three Thousand Prisoners—Army Lines Rearranged.

London, Dec. 21.—Although there seems no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that for the present any anticipations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated.

The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public in Petrograd:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete hull has replaced the attacks made by the enemy. All of these attacks were repulsed.

"In connection with the advance of part of our troops toward the Bzura river (Russian Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies.

"We checked the offensive of the enemy in western Galicia. We have captured 3,000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses."

Berlin, Dec. 19, by wireless.—The official press bureau gave out the following items:

"In Poland we continue to pursue the retreating enemy.

"Although the headquarters report is chary of details there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been complete. From details already available, however, it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany for a long period from any possible menace of invasion from the east.

ENGLISH CITIES UNDER FIRE

Shelled by German Warships, Casualties Are Put at 143 Persons.

London, Dec. 17.—Germany daringly attacked England herself early in the morning.

After a dash across the North sea on a misty night a German flotilla bombarded Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, unfortified cities on the east coast of England, early in the morning.

It is announced that 143 women and men were killed. Churches were ruined, hotels, dwellings and stores were destroyed by the bombardment, which endured 40 minutes, after which the Germans steamed northward from Scarborough and escaped pursuing British cruisers.

The gun flashes indicated that four big warships were firing. One shell that had been picked up was 12 inches in diameter and 33 inches long. The exploding shells of the bold cruisers which slipped through the British fleet and the guard ships and dodged the mines thickly strewn in the North sea, dug holes in the streets of Scarborough so wide and deep that a railway truck could pass through them.

Hurriedly called by wireless, British warships hastened from the nearest points to attack the enemy. But the German cruiser force, made up of their fastest cruisers, escaped in the mist from the British squadron.

GEN. SCOTT SENT TO NACO.

Chief of Staff Will Attempt to Stop Firing Across the Border.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Closely following the dispatch of more United States troops to Naco, Ariz., where residents have been killed and wounded by the fire of Mexican soldiers across the border, Secretary of War Garrison ordered Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, to proceed to Naco at once. He will try to induce the warring Mexican factions to stop inflicting life and property on the American side of the border.

LOOPS LOOP FOUR TIMES.

U. S. Army Aviator Performs Daring Stunt.

New York, Dec. 18.—Braving a high wind and the terrific cold, F. A. Thompson, an aviator of the army reserve corps, ascended to a height of 8,000 feet over the government aviation field in Oakland Heights, Staten Island, and made four complete loops before reaching the ground. Thompson, who has been flying for only four months, is the fourth United States aviator who has accomplished the looping test.

Accident Costs Bank \$100,000.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Emigrant Industrial Savings bank was ordered by a jury in the supreme court to pay \$100,000 damages for the death of Justice Henry Bischoff, who was killed by falling into an elevator shaft.

Czar Returns to Capital.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Emperor Nicholas returned from Transcaucasia and immediately called a meeting of the imperial council at Tsar's-Selo palace. The session was attended by Minister of War Soukhomlinoff.

Emden Crew Captured.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—Forty sailors from the German cruiser Emden, who escaped when their ship was destroyed and put to sea in a small schooner, have been captured by a British warship. It was announced here.

Brig. Gen. Furey Is Dead.

New York, Dec. 21.—Brig. Gen. John Vincent Furey, U. S. A., retired, is dead at his home in Brooklyn after a brief attack of pneumonia. He was seventy-five years old and had a brilliant service record with the army.

J. BROOKS B. PARKER



J. Brooks B. Parker is the assistant director of the new bureau of war risk insurance of the treasury department. He is a well-known underwriter.

VICTORY IN ARGONNE CLAIMED BY BERLIN

Allies Declare Tonnage Are Being Forced Back All Along Front.

London, Dec. 21.—A Times correspondent in northern France says:

"The allies have advanced. Their troops are reported to have passed Middelkerke and to have broken through the German line just below Dixmude."

Berlin (by wireless), Dec. 21.—The following official statement was received by wireless from Berlin:

"The fighting at Neuport continues favorable, but no decision yet has been reached. The French attacks between La Bassée and Arras and on both sides of the River Somme have resulted in failure, with severe losses to the enemy. On the Somme the French lost 1,200 men in prisoners and at least 1,800 in dead; our own losses were under 200.

"In the Argonne forest our successful attack resulted in the capture of some 7,500 prisoners in addition to war material. There have been no important developments elsewhere on the western front."

London, Dec. 21.—The allies' advance in Belgium is fast gaining momentum. The Germans are being forced back all along the Flanders front with great losses in killed, wounded, prisoners and war material, according to reports reaching here.

WILSON DOES HIS SHOPPING.

Has to Push Through Crowds in Stores—Mrs. Sayre Coming.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson did his Christmas shopping during the day. He went into the downtown district at the rush hour, armed with a list of purchases he desired to make, and visited a department store, two book stores, and a jewelry establishment. All of the places were crowded, and at times the president had to push his way energetically to get what he wanted. He was recognized by many of the shoppers.

Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the president's daughter, will arrive early next week to spend Christmas at the White House. She is expected to remain for more than a month.

WILSON ON TREATY IS NEAR.

Senate Committee Orders Ratification of Pact.

Washington, Dec. 17.—After months of deliberation and repeated failure to get action the foreign relations committee ordered the Nicaraguan treaty reported to the senate for ratification. The United States would pay \$30,000 for a Nicaraguan canal route and naval base on the bay of Fonseca. The Nicaraguan treaty as reported includes an amendment prescribing that Nicaragua shall utilize a portion of the \$30,000,000 for the adjustment of claims and payment of certain debts.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

Measure Carrying \$36,500,000 Wins in the House.

Washington, Dec. 21.—After eliminating the \$2,000,000 item for an agricultural census in 1915, the house on Friday passed the legislative appropriation bill carrying approximately \$36,500,000.

Storms Cause Damage.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Heavy damage along the coast is reported as the result of winds and rainstorms which have been raging for the last 24 hours. Damage from high tides total \$50,000 at Long Beach alone.

Four Firemen Injured.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 19.—Four firemen were injured by falling timbers in a \$100,000 fire in the business district here. The injured: Captain McLaughlin, Captain Curtis, Fireman Charles George, Engine Men Diskam.

Red Cross Money for Turkey.

New York, Dec. 19.—The American Red Cross cabled through the state department to United States Ambassador Morgenthau in Constantinople \$10,000 to assist in maintaining military hospitals in Turkey.

Motive Power Expert Dies.

Pittsboro, Ind., Dec. 19.—Bernard Fitzpatrick, aged sixty-four, and master mechanic on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, died here. He was one of the country's leading motive power authorities.

COURT DECIDES RAILROAD CASES

PERE MARQUETTE WINS IN APPEAL INVOLVING BIG VERDICT.

BERRIEN JURY IS REVERSED

High Tribunal Hands Down Thirty-Five Decisions Saturday Most Of Which Are Concerning Railroads.

Lansing—Cases affecting railroads formed the bulk of 35 decisions by the supreme court Saturday.

The Pere Marquette was a winner in a case for damages brought by Catherine M. Murphy, of Chicago, widow of Dr. Alexander L. Murphy, of the save city, having a \$10,000 verdict against it wiped out completely and the doors barred to Mrs. Murphy against a further recovery. Murphy, while on his way from Chicago to Bangor, got off to stretch his legs at Benton Harbor. His train stopped there for five or six minutes, and when Murphy started to board it, at the cry of the conductor, he bumped into a baggage truck left on the platform by the company, was thrown under the wheels of the moving train and instantly killed. This was the contention of the widow, and a Berrien county jury gave her a verdict for \$10,000, despite the fact that the company alleged that he was guilty of contributing to his own death by jumping aboard a moving train. The railroad appealed and the supreme court rules with it. There was ample evidence, the court says, that the man had plenty of time to board the train before it started to move. The case is reversed without any new trial and judgment is entered for the defendant.

Marvin S. Brown, of Toledo, early in 1913 met with an accident on the Ann Arbor. The train started suddenly and he was thrown and his arm mangled, amputation resulting. While in the hospital he signed an agreement with the road to accept \$100 and hospital expenses. Later he sued, alleging that the agreement was got by the road's claim agent while he, Brown, was under the influence of opiates. A Washtenaw county jury gave him \$2,000, but the supreme court orders a new trial for the incorrect admission of certain evidence.

The Pere Marquette lost a decision in a suit brought by John Daly, who was injured prior to the taking over of the road by the receivers were named as defendants and filed a demurrer. The court below refused to permit the attorneys for Daly to amend the declaration, but the supreme court says that they have the right to. The case starts all over again.

The case of John M. Braun was thrown out of the Kent county courts. It was an attempt to get damages from the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Interurban. Braun was on the step, ready to alight from a car, and was partly off the car when at a signal from the conductor the car started to go ahead. On the ground that Braun was negligent himself, the Kent county court entered a verdict for the defendant. The supreme court says there was enough in the case to let it go to the jury and orders a new trial.

Prison Shop May Not Print Report. Lansing—Warden Simpson has no legal authority to have the annual report of Jackson prison printed in the prison shop, according to an opinion rendered by Atty-Gen. Fellows. In a letter to the board of auditors, the attorney-general points out that there is a constitutional law which requires that all state printing shall be done by the state printer, who has a contract with the state. If Warden Simpson's report had been printed in the prison shop it would have to be reprinted by the state printer.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The Edison Co. has purchased the Almont electric lighting plant of Frank Bishop.

Unsettled conditions in England, because of the war prevents Mrs. Matthew Shille, of Walton, from obtaining \$75,000 bequeathed to her as an heir to an estate there.

"Punch boards" and candy drawing cards will be a thing of the past in Lenawee county after December 26. Declaring that they are a menace to minors, Prosecuting Attorney Michener has ordered them abolished. Owners are given the few remaining days to get rid of their stocks. The prosecutor asserts that in the case of punch boards the prizes offered are nearly valueless.

At a meeting of farmers a committee was appointed to ask the state railway commission to compel the Pere Marquette to re-open its telegraph office at Valley Center and build a new depot.

The last building of any size on the village of Marion's main street was destroyed late Monday night when the three-story frame dwelling owned by Ben Sharp was burned to the ground, the loss exceeding \$2,000. Early Monday morning the Wagner store building was seriously damaged by fire three weeks ago a block of eight stores on the main street was burned.

Edwin O. Wood, of Flint, Democratic national committeeman, was presented with a chest of silver valued at \$300 by citizens on the anniversary of his 25th wedding anniversary, Thursday.

Following an explosion from an unknown cause, the plant of the Alpena Gas Co. was damaged \$10,000 Monday night. It was partially insured. Part of the machinery was saved. The manufacture of gas was suspended only two hours and the plant was in operation Monday with the sky for a roof.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Wm. Colerick, 33, of Almont, formerly member of Gen. Custer's staff, is dead.

The West Woodbridge U. R. church, at Hillsdale, was destroyed by fire following an explosion of gas.

Mrs. J. A. Wust, aged 100 years and 10 months, died Saturday night of old age. She had lived at Saginaw over half a century.

Thomas Beahan aged 77, a resident of the copper country since 1854 and father of the noted financial writer and editor, Simon Beahan, of New York, died Friday at Calumet.

The state railroad commission has authorized the Southern Michigan Telephone company with the merger of that company and the Michigan State Telephone company in Branch and St. Joseph counties.

When Thomas Collier, 47 years old, employed on Isaac Sponable's farm, near Hastings, attempted to get a pail of water from a hole that he had chopped through the ice in Thornapple river, he had an epileptic fit and was drowned.

Henry Van Koeveering was acquitted of a charge of second degree murder by a jury in circuit court at Flint after three hours deliberation. He was charged with implication in the death of Ralph Sova, killed in a street fight, a year ago.

While operating a circular saw on a farm near Adrian, Ernest Updyke, aged 33, caught his right hand in the saw. The member was completely severed at the wrist. Surgeons were forced to amputate the arm near the elbow because of its lacerated condition.

The ancient receivership of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Detroit railroad Co. has been terminated by Judge E. R. Gilday at Monroe by the discharge of the receivers, Willis Baldwin, of Monroe, and Maj. I. H. Burgess, of Fremont, O. Litigation began seven years ago.

Two men were seriously injured in a fire that destroyed late Monday night the main business block in the village of Britton. J. L. Exelby was rendered unconscious when he was struck by a falling beam. Cass Zeulff was badly bruised by falling bricks. The fire destroyed three stores.

James R. Garfield, son of the martyred president, will speak at the annual George Washington birthday celebration at the U. of M. which for a quarter of a century was given by the law students, with the exception of two years ago and last year when it was omitted because of inability to obtain the speaker desired.

Guert Olson, an engineer at No. 6 shaft of the North Kearsarge mine, subsidiary of Calumet and Hecla, was killed instantly Friday morning when a boiler exploded, wrecking the compressor plant and resulting in the closing of the mine. No others were hurt. Olson being alone in the plant. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Mrs. Ethel Cochrane, of Lansing, was given a verdict of \$9,726.65 against the Michigan Central railroad in the Ingham county circuit court Saturday. Mrs. Cochrane's husband was killed at Jackson, January 25, of this year. This is next to the largest verdict ever given in a suit of this character in the history of the local court.

Miss Amy Fee, a senior of Albion college, whose home is in Detroit, won the women's oratorical contest in that city Thursday evening. By winning the contest Miss Fee receives a cash prize of \$25 and also is made the representative from Albion college in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest which will be held at Alma in a few weeks.

At a meeting of the Kalamazoo County Farmers' Institute at Kalamazoo Saturday noon, Prof. Allen Pettie of the Western Michigan Normal school declared that the future of the farming industry depended upon the public and normal schools of the country. He strongly advised the enlargement of agricultural courses in the public schools in cities.

As a result of the wiping out of St. Joseph's parochial school at Escanaba by fire Thursday night over 400 pupils will be thrown into the public schools following the Christmas vacation. The three-story and basement frame school structure burned to the ground from a fire that started from a stove in the basement. The loss is placed at \$20,000, covered by \$6,000 insurance.

The supreme court Saturday affirmed the writ of mandamus issued by the circuit court of Muskegon county to compel Secretary Frank Hubbard Smith, of the Muskegon board of education, to sign school bonds amounting to \$90,000. It was Smith's contention that the school had no authority to issue bonds unless the proposition was passed upon at the annual meeting of the board of education.

People in the vicinity of the building which houses the Fortnightly Musical club at Coldwater were startled when the heating plant blew up with a roar. The structure was partially wrecked, the damage being placed at \$1,600. No one was injured.

M. R. Cook, an aged farmer, living in a log hut one mile from Mullet lake near Cheboygan was burned to death Monday. Cook, who was nearly blind, was sitting by the fire when his wife went to milk. She soon discovered the shanty in a blaze, but was unable to reach her aged husband. The origin of the fire is unknown.

After being ill but a few days with typhoid pneumonia, Joseph Adams, who originated "Carnation day" in honor of the memory of President William McKinley, is dead at his home in Kalamazoo. Mr. Adams served as city treasurer for two years.

Judge O'Brien, Saturday morning at Houghton, sentenced the three men convicted of second degree murder as a result of a robbery in a roadhouse, Aug. 18. Dominick Locaria was given 10 years and Giuseppe Ombrini and Nick Kilici seven years each.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

GOVERNOR WOULD MAKE SURE OF SOUNDNESS OF LAWS BEFORE PASSING.

SENDS LETTER TO MEMBERS

Gen. John P. Kirk Is Greatly Encouraged by Better Spirit Being Developed Toward National Guard.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—In a letter to each member of the legislature Gov. Ferris says that every state in the union has suffered from the consequences of faulty legislation and that bills of magnificent purpose but with faulty titles have been declared unconstitutional.

"Hastened and some times careless legislation has furnished the higher courts with many contradictions, inconsistencies, errors and inaccuracies," said Governor Ferris. "The coming legislature 'reduce the quantity and greatly improve the quality of our statutory laws.' Various means have been devised for accomplishing this desirable end and Archibald Bloomfield of Big Rapids, member of the Michigan commission for compilation of the statutes, has outlined a plan that is inexpensive and feasible. I have already submitted this plan to experienced lawmakers and judges and everyone has heartily endorsed it."

Governor Ferris is sending to each legislator a copy of Bloomfield's report in which Bloomfield says that a system must be devised that will accomplish accuracy of statement, simplicity of language, consistency, brevity, exclusive and inclusive averments, adequate machinery to enforce it, orderly arrangement, and constitutional. "That these ends are not attained under our present system must be obvious," says Bloomfield.

Bloomfield proposes that the house and senate rules should be amended so as to create a joint committee on arrangement, phraseology and conformity and that this committee should be selected from the ablest members of both branches of the legislature. He suggests that every bill as it passes the committee of the whole in each house be referred to this committee and be examined by them as to its validity, accuracy, consistency, constitutionality, etc.

"This committee should have the power to propose amendments or even a substitute in case they found any of the foregoing imperfections," says Bloomfield. "That should have no power to alter the general purpose of the bill. Every bill should again pass through the hands of this committee before it is placed on its final passage. The primary value of this plan lies in the fact that we have here a committee of experts through whose hands every bill must pass before it becomes a law. A committee whose attention is directed to the discovery and correction of the defects indicated."

Bloomfield says that an examination of the Michigan house and senate journals since 1837 shows that no such committee has ever existed and he says that no such legislative committee exists in any state at the present time. He says the nearest approach to such a committee is in Wisconsin where the legislature has created a joint committee of five from each house which reviews each bill to ascertain whether it complies with all the rules as to form. Bloomfield recites a list of bills which have failed to stand the test of the courts because of legislative irregularities.

"It is no doubt true that the adoption of this plan would place an immense amount of work upon the committee charged with its execution," says Bloomfield in discussing this radical innovation. "However, it is not only possible but probable that a committee could do this work and do it well."

"We have discovered that the National Guard has a lot of good friends in Michigan," said Gen. John P. Kirk, Chief of Staff. General Kirk recently stated that the Guard was not making satisfactory progress, partially because employers were hostile or indifferent. "I am satisfied that if the new spirit continues to grow we will have no further cause for worry, although there is much yet to do. Several cities where companies of the Guard are located have awakened to the fact that such an organization is not only a valuable civic asset, but the best and safest instrument for securing preparedness for national defense."

The commercial associations of Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Owosso, Grand Rapids, Bay City, Saginaw, Ionia, Monroe and Adrian and the Copper Country Commercial club, which is in the territory of two of our companies, Houghton and Calumet, have all taken practical interest in their citizen-soldiers. I believe that in those cities, at least, a man will no longer lose his job because he is absent a few days annually at camp or on the rifle range, training himself to defend his country when the hour of need comes. In Detroit, Mr. John Russell, who published the Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record, is

According to the biennial report of the state highway department, Michigan has expended a total of \$49,940,805.67 for road construction since 1901. The township road tax in the past thirteen years amounts to \$40,135,897.81, the county road tax \$7,564,907.26 and the state road tax \$1,950,000.

On the ground that the title of the bill covers more than one subject, the supreme court, in an opinion, has de-

also doing a valuable work for the support of the National Guard.

"If the citizens of Michigan will give attention to the Michigan National Guard and come out definitely in support of the organization, Michigan can come up to the standard required by the War Department as to the number of men in each organization. Other states are making a campaign similar to the one we are making. The proposition is the same in each of them, of meeting the call of the General Government for a sufficient force of the National Guard to meet an emergency. The Federal inspection will come during the last two weeks of February and the month of March, and we must have sixty-five men in each company of infantry at that time. It is a question of national defense and a question of loyalty to the country. We do not want Michigan to be behind other states in this matter. The officers of each company are making an effort to get in the men required, and if citizens generally will adopt the attitude of recommending the service and treating fairly those men who are in the Guard, we can present the required number of men for inspection."

"The splendid support given the Owosso company is worthy of special mention. The county gave \$8,500 toward a new armory; Owosso city contributed \$12,500. Until the new armory is completed, the Owosso Improvement Association is contributing \$40 monthly toward making the present building habitable.

"Some cities where companies are located have done nothing to help, and they need not be surprised if these organizations are moved elsewhere when they fall below the standard set by the War Department."

The supreme court has affirmed the conviction of Lawrence Damm, an Ann Arbor saloon man found guilty of selling liquor to undergraduates and it is believed that the conviction of "Larry," as Damm is familiarly known to thousands of Michigan alumni, will serve as an object lesson to other liquor dealers in the University City who have heretofore enjoyed a big share of the student patronage.

In reviewing the case Justice Ostrander, who wrote the opinion, says that Damm was not present when the liquor was sold and it does not appear from the record that the barkeeper knew that the boys who purchased the liquor were students at the university, and it was Damm's contention in the circuit court that the law should not be construed to make him responsible for the acts of his employee, and that if such construction is inevitable, that the law is unconstitutional.

"The statute forbids the sale of liquor to any student in attendance at any public or private institution of learning in the state," says Justice Ostrander. "It is said, and it is true, that the effect of this legislation is to deny to adult students privileges enjoyed by other citizens and to deny them during the school year rights and privileges they may enjoy during vacation."

"So citizens living in a local option county may be, in the same way, stripped of privileges which are enjoyed by their neighbors in an adjoining county."

"A law which makes it improbable, if not impossible, that students shall patronize drinking places is not so clearly beyond the police power that courts may declare it invalid. The trial court shall proceed to judgment."

Milo O. Bennett, prosecuting attorney of Kalamazoo county, won his suit in the supreme court against former Circuit Judge N. H. Stewart, to have expunged from the records of the court certain matters contained in the report of a grand jury during the recent occurrences dealing with certain manufacturing firms and other matters. In its report to the circuit court the grand jurors embodied a section in which they said the evidence disclosed that the prosecuting attorney had violated the laws of the state by drawing from the treasury of the county \$245, claiming that amount as fees for services rendered in certain divorce cases. Other allegations were also contained in the report. Prosecutor Bennett petitioned the circuit judge to have that part of the grand jury's report pertaining to him expunged from the record. This request was never acted upon and Prosecutor Bennett applied to the supreme court for a mandamus to compel Judge Stewart to make an order striking out the section. The supreme court granted the writ.

In its opinion the court says that in Michigan there are but two matters upon which a grand jury have statutory right to make reports or presentments, trespass on public lands and violations of the election laws.

"Inherently apart from statutory sanction, the grand jury has no right to file such a report unless it is followed by an indictment," says the court which concludes by saying: "We are of the opinion that it was the duty of the trial court to have refused to accept the report, or file it with the records of his court, and it was his plain duty to have expunged it from the files, after having received and filed it."

Beet sugar manufacturers and shippers from various parts of the state appeared before the state railroad commission to register a protest against the action of certain railroads in charging the shippers for reweighing cars.

Declared unconstitutional act No. 226 of the public acts of 1909, which prohibits the sale of cigarettes to minors. The title of the bill not only regulates the sale but contains a provision against the adulteration of cigarettes. Richard E. Blumrich of Grand Rapids who was convicted in the Kent circuit court on a charge of selling cigarettes to Jas. Sproat, a minor, appealed the case to the supreme court. Blumrich's conviction is set aside in the opinion rendered by the supreme court.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock, Grain and General Farm Produce.

Live Stock.

DETROIT—Cattle Receipts: 659 Market wood; prime steers steady; other grades 10¢ to 15¢ lower; best heavy steers, \$8.35@8.50; best heavy weight butchers steers, \$8.75@9.00; mixed steers and heifers \$8.40@8.50; heavy light butchers, \$8.75@8.85; light butchers, \$8.50@8.60; best cows, \$5.75@6.25; butcher cows, \$5.25@5.75; common cows, \$4.50@5.00; canners, \$3.00@4.00; best heavy bulls, \$6.00@6.50; bologna bulls, \$5.00@5.50.

Veal calves: Receipts, 202; market active. Best, \$9.00@9.50; others, \$7.00@8.50.

Sheep and lambs: Receipts, 4,183; market steady to 25¢ higher. Best lambs, \$8.00@8.25; fair lambs, \$7.50@7.75; light to common lambs, \$6.50@7.00; fair to good sheep, \$4.50@5.00; culls and common, \$3.00@4.00.

Hogs: Receipts, 8,751; market steady to 10¢ higher, \$7.00@7.10.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Receipts, 2,500; butcher grades, 15¢ to 25¢ lower; heavy cattle very slow; bidding 50¢ lower; about 10 cars unsold; canners and cutters steady and strong; choice to prime steers, \$8.75@9.00; fair to good, \$8.25@8.50; plain, \$7.50@8.00; choice heavy butchers steers, \$8.25@8.50; fair to good, \$7.75@8.00; best to heavy, \$8.50@8.75; fair to good, \$7.75@8.00; common to good, \$7.00@7.50; yearlings, \$6.00@6.50; best heavy butchers heifers, \$6.75@7.25; common to good, \$6.00@6.50; best fat cows, \$6.15@6.75; good butchering cows, \$5.75@6.25; medium to good, \$4.75@5.25; cutters, \$4.40@4.25; canners, \$3.50@3.80; best heavy bulls, \$6.75@7.00; good butchering, \$6.25@6.50; sausage bulls, \$5.50@6.00; light bulls, \$4.75@5.25.

Hogs

SNEEZING AGAIN?

Take Laxacold

Start after the first sneeze—no unpleasant effects—tablets anyone can use—easy to take—quick in action and handy to carry.

Do Not Neglect a Cold

No matter how innocent at first it takes but very little for it to develop into a serious complication. Nothing will affect the lungs so quickly as a heavy cold—if you value your lungs you owe it to yourself to use

NYAL'S Laxacold Tablets

No quinine—no buzzing in the ears and no nausea—the fever of colds and the cold itself are quickly banished. 35 tablets to the box—enough for several colds—25c the box. We expect to be here in business a good many years. The only way we can do it is by treating everybody right. That's our policy.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE

Phone No. 1. Grayling, Michigan

Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......75
Three Months......40

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice at Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 24

Has Place of Its Own.

That no newspaper, no matter how big it may be or how large its circulation, can supplant the local newspaper in the hearts of the townspeople, is the theme of an interesting editorial in a recent issue of the Scottdale (Pa.) Independent, written by the editor, Albert L. Porter. Mr. Porter says that while it is natural to marvel at the big building being erected in New York or Pittsburgh, they signify no more than the building being done in Scottdale or any other small community.

"It is so with the newspaper," continues the editorial. "New York papers would cover this one several times. Their pictures, their stories, their headlines, their editorials beat ours for bigness and brightness and their advertisements in space and tenor have ours somewhat far in the background, and they even make more money than we do."

"But does that settle the question? Do we therefore, give them supremacy? Do we feel by comparison a sense of shame over our own eight-page sheet?"

"Not a bit of it. These big sheets never have a line of either news or advertising about Scottdale. Granted they do have a line if some misfortune strikes us, they do not have the daily doings of the people that we all know and there is nothing of less interest or profit than reading gossip about people we do not know. That's the big end of our reading in the big dailies."

"No indeed, neighbor, the little home paper has it all over the city newspaper and then some. And, that is just the reason that the home paper is sought after, is sent miles away to other towns, and is treasured by those

Christmas comes to us once a year.

It is the time of great rejoicing.

We are thankful for life, love and abundant harvests; this gratitude finds form in greetings to our friends.

No blessing of the Creator exceeds the divine gift of friendship.

As to the New Year, we wish you the compliments of the season and that we may be of assistance to the housewife the coming year. We are

Yours to Command,

MODEL BAKERY

THOS. CASSIDY, Prop.

Hotel Scandinavian

CHRIS F. HANSEN, Prop'r.

Hotel and Boarding House

Room and Board by the Day or Week

Steam Heat - Electric Lights

who know Scottdale and her people. "The home newspaper fills a place that all the city dailies put together cannot fill any more than any of the women we meet can ever take the place of our mother."—Publisher's Auxiliary.

Lovell.

Mr. Douglas' large shingle mill started last Friday morning.

Mr. Douglas made a business trip to Grayling Monday.

Mrs. Peter Bowman visited Mrs. C. Stillwagon Monday.

Mr. Kade of Kneeland is taking Mr. Burnside's place on the section.

Mrs. Clyde Klotz left Tuesday for a visit with her mother in Lewiston.

Miss Matilda Foley was a Grayling caller Saturday.

Lewis Bill of Detroit who has been here at his summer home for some time left Monday.

Mrs. Walter Dodge is very ill. Dr. Miller of Johannesburg is in attendance.

Miss Lillian Masters of West Branch is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Parker.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all the latest effects. If

Free Reception, Luncheon and Concert on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey Woodpecker, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Creeper, Mr. and Mrs. Blue Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Chickadee, and Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatch most earnestly invite all you, their friends and neighbors to attend an open air reception, luncheon and concert on Christmas day.

As evidence of their sincere hospitality the hosts and hostesses have decided to allow their guests the pleasure of choosing their own place of entertainment and of furnishing the refreshments, suggesting only that the place be not too public, that the suet, beef-bones, cheese and FRESH pork rinds be fastened on tree or pole high enough up so that dogs and cats cannot reach them, that seeds, crumbs and cracked nuts be placed on some sort of shelf out of the snow and that nothing stronger than water be provided to drink.

The reception and concert will be provided by the birds absolutely free. Mr. Blue Jay has been for some time training his eyes and voice so as to be able to see and announce each guest the moment he appears in sight, while Mr. Blackcapped Chickadee, chairman of entertainment promises some remarkable acrobatic performances by the Downey and Nuthatch families and though modesty forbids his saying so, we know we may expect sweetest music from the Chickadee.

Remember the time, any hour between daylight and dark on Christmas day; the place, anywhere in your vicinity not too public; the refreshments, what you can spare from your bounty.

The Michigan Audubon society, as invitation committee, would be glad to have reports of successful receptions held, sent to its president.

Mrs. EDITH C. MUNGER, Hart, Michigan.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss. Lucas County, Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is a senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CASSIDY & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Notice of Tax Collections.

I will be at my office in my home in Beaver Creek township every Friday during the month of December for the collection of taxes.

MARION R. HOPKINS, Treasurer.

Nov. 26-6. Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Fire Chief's Warning.

Chief Henry Baeker, of the Cincinnati, O., fire department, one of the greatest fire fighters in the country, has sent out the following warning in regard to Christmas trees:

"Christmas trees are listed among the most dangerous things in the world. Every year thousands of fires are started by the candles on the trees. Many of these fires result in the death or terrible injury to someone. Among those who are most likely to be burned are little children."

"Here are some 'Don'ts' in regard to a Christmas tree."

"Don't spread cotton around to represent snow. It is almost as deadly as gunpowder when touched by fire."

"Don't put too much flimsy decoration on the tree if candles are to be lighted."

"Don't hang the gifts on a tree. Many fires have been started by Santa's costume catching fire from a candle when he reached for a gift."

"Don't trim Santa's costume with cotton."

"Don't make Santa's whiskers out of cotton."

"Don't place candles where the flame will come directly underneath decorations or part of the tree."

"Don't let children go near the lighted tree."

"Don't fail to have a reliable fire extinguisher handy."

"Don't open a door so that the tree will be struck by a sudden gust of air."

"Don't be afraid to call the fire department. Some of the worst fires in the world have been started because people who discovered them thought they could handle them and neglected to call the firemen."

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line, No ads. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

STRICTLY FRESH EGGS—For sale. Fresh eggs gathered daily. Mrs. W. F. Brink. Phone 442.

FOUND—A rosary. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice. 12-17-3.

FLAT FOR RENT—Three pleasant rooms. Phone 1023 or inquire of Thomas Shaw. 12-17-3.

WANTED—Position to do house work. Address Miss Kate Loskos, South side. 12-17-3.

ROOM for rent. Phone 1004 or inquire of Mrs. Laura Schroeder.

LOST—Purse containing sum of money, small flat brass key and personal cards. Finder please notify this office or Miss Clella Clark at South side school. 12-10-3.

LARGE SIZE—Photograph and 100 records for cash or trade. What have you? Victor Salling. 12-10-2.

FOR SALE—Four horse power gasoline engine. Chris Hoessli, phone 1084.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, one with bath. Inquire of Mrs. E. F. Matson.

PLAIN SEWING wanted, that I can do at home. Just east of Madison's addition on the south side of the river. Drop a card in the post office and I will call for the work, and believe I can satisfy you. Mrs. Sarah Deket. 11-26-2w.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-4.

Notice of Meeting of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Theodore M. Odell, deceased.

Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1914 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the court house in the village of Grayling in said county, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1915, and on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated, December 11th, A. D. 1914. MELVIN A. BATES, ALLEN B. FAIRING, Commissioners.

Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights.

Send model, or sketch and description for preliminary examination. Book containing over 200 mechanical movements sent free on request. W. N. Roach, Jr., Attorney at Law, Mechanical and Electrical Expert, McGill Building, Washington, D. C. 12-3-11.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said County, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1914. Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas McElroy, deceased. Edward S. Houghton having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered that the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice be thereof given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WILLIAMSON BATTERTON, Judge of Probate. A true copy. WILLIAMSON BATTERTON, Judge of Probate. 12-10-3.



NOTICE.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land hereinafter described.

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent additional thereon, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land. Description of land situated in Crawford county, state of Michigan, N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4, Sec. 12, Town 28 N., Range 1 W. Amount paid \$2.34, tax for year 1910. Amount necessary to redeem, \$9.68 to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully, THOMAS McDONALD. Place of business, Lewiston, Mich. Dated September, A. D. 1914. To Albert Knost.

Grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.

Proof of failure of service. State of Michigan) County of Crawford) ss. I do hereby Certify and Return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of the within named Albert Knost or the heirs, or the whereabouts or postoffice address of the executor, administrator or trustee or guardian of said Albert Knost.

My fees, \$1.25. HOMER G. BRIDGEC, Sheriff of said County.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house, for I know that it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

Remember I only have 18 overcoats left. Come in and pick yours out while picking is good. F. Dreese.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

The Old Reliable Store

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Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

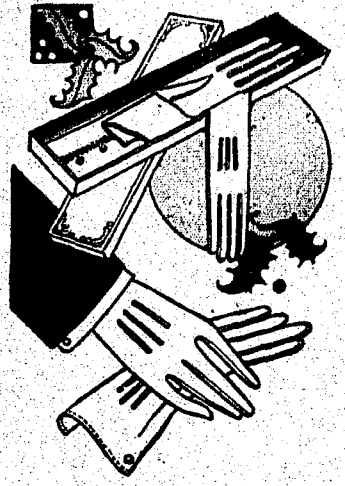
Below we mention just a few of the many hundreds of appropriate holiday presents. Our stock is so arranged that you will not have much trouble in selecting appropriate and useful gifts for each and every one of the family.

Just read these items over and the very thing will suggest itself:

Umbrellas
Hose, 10c to \$1.50
Ribbons
Table Linens
Waists, silk and plain
Gloves and Mittens
Scarfs and Jabots
Wrappers
Dry Goods
Collars and Ties
Handkerchiefs
Combs and Brushes
Shoes
House Slippers
Hats and Caps
Suspenders
Handkerchiefs

Hardware Dept.

Heating Stoves
Cook Stoves and Ranges
Dishes
Graniteware
Aluminum Tea Pots
Coffee Pots
Tea Kettles
Kettles
Basins
Wash Basins
Broilers
Griddles
Spiders, etc.
Table Cutlery
Shears and Scissors
Pocket Knives
Carpenters' Tools



Grocery Departm't.

Here you will find Everything Good for the Table, in quality that is the best. We will have a selected stock of FRUITS for the Holiday season.

Salling, Hanson Co.

Grayling Greenhouses

Carnations.....\$1.25 a doz. Poinsettias in pots.....50c, 75c, \$1.00
Cut Poinsettias.....\$3.00 a doz. Auracarias.....\$2.00 each
Primroses.....25c each

Hyacinths, Narcissus, Boston and Asparagus Ferns, Moss Wreaths, Flower Vases, Flower Baskets, Wheat Sheaves, Artificial Roses and Forget-me-not Plant Food and many other good things at the

Greenhouses

Greenhouses open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Sundays and holidays to 9:30 a. m.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy--the Mothers' Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. "It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

For Sale.

80 acres unimproved land two miles northeast of Grayling, the foundation for a first class farm. Can be bought on easy terms for part, for \$800.00.

40 acres, one-half mile from the village; 7 acres in pasture; entire 40 fenced. About ten acres low land, balance good farming land; sawing timber removed. Price \$600.00.

10 acres improved land, all fenced, nearly opposite T-town; one mile north of village; just right to be divided into large village lots for workmen in the mills and yards, and purchaser can double his money. Can be bought for \$300.00. Adv.

O. Palmer.

CONNOR'S WORLD'S BEST ICE CREAM

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Sheaffer Self Filling Pens at prices from\$1.00 to \$5.00
White Ivory at prices from25c to \$4.00
Fancy Stationery for10c to \$3.00 per box
Perfumes and Toilet Waters from25c to \$6.00 per pkg.

Christmas Boxes of Cigars
Books of all the latest titles
Good Books for boys and girls
from 25c up
Thermos Bottles, Harmonicas

Toilet Sets
Military Sets
Christmas Decorations
White Tissue Paper
Seals and Stickers

In fact it would take this entire page to mention all

Come in and see us. We are always glad to show goods, even if you do not buy one thing

A. M. LEWIS.
THE BUSY DRUGGIST

P. S.—Call for one of our Famous Weather Charts

*We wish all our friends and customers a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

M. Simpson Est.
Groceries



Merry Christmas to Our Friends and Patrons

Up to this time we have enjoyed a very satisfactory Xmas trade and we feel very grateful to the people of Grayling and vicinity for the liberal patronage that enables us to carry such a large selection under one roof. We want all the readers of the Crawford Avalanche and their friends as our customers. If you know of any one who has not yet visited our grand display make them acquainted with the facts concerning our store and let them follow the crowd.

Sorenson Brothers

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 24

Mrs. M. Hanson is recovering from a serious attack of tonsillitis.

Burt Peterson is clerking in the Emil Kraus store during the holiday season.

Mrs. A. F. Gierke spent several days in Bay City, returning Monday afternoon.

Jeff Fogelson spent a couple of days of last week in Flint, returning Saturday.

If you hate a man you also regard his dog as the sneakiest, orneryest brute in the world.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

Mrs. Julius Ponsar of Lewiston was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell over Sunday last.

We have the nicest assortment of Xmas seals and stickers that we have ever had. Lewis' Drug store.

Elmer Haire, who has been working in Bay City, has returned here and is again working for the M. C. R. R.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? Geo. L. ALXANDER & SON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Meistrup will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Meistrup's parents in Bay City.

It is funny, but it is a fact. The rich think the poor are extravagant and the poor think the rich are stingy.

A. J. Molins of Detroit returned to his home last Wednesday, after spending a week here, the guest of Miss Iole Milnes.

Miss Clara Nelson, who teaches in the schools at Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula, is home to spend the holidays.

I have resolved, commencing with Christmas, that I will patronize the antiseptic barber shop. Walter Cowell, proprietor.

Mrs. Cameron Game and little daughter Joyce left Monday to spend the holidays visiting relatives in Cadillac and Marion.

Mrs. E. Sargent and daughter, Mrs. John McPhee of Mackinaw were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. M. Shanahan last week.

The soft hearted men are the best fellows and have the most friends. But they are usually working for and paying rent to the hard headed man.

Thermos bottles in cases, casseroles, stationery, touring sets, ivory and ebony goods, and many other beautiful things await you at the Central Drug store.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes. 12-3-4.

Delicious brick ice cream will improve your Christmas dinner. We will have it in three flavors—strawberry, chocolate and vanilla. 35 cents per brick. Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

Those who attended the second number of the entertainment course, at the Temple theatre Monday evening, under the auspices of the senior class of the high school, were highly pleased with the entertainer, Edward Elliot.

Mrs. Emil Hanson and daughter Elizabeth returned home Friday last from Bay City, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr., who recently moved to that city. Mr. Hanson, who accompanied them, returned home Thursday.

A little book, which has the name and date inside of the front cover, E. J. Schaeffer, Jan. 1st, 1864, was found on the street Monday night and brought into this office. The title of the book is "Pleasant Words" a story of everyday life, by Mrs. C. V. R. Hale. It is a very interesting little volume and is over 50 years old. This is probably a keepsake and the owner may have same by calling at this office.

The school teachers are leaving for their respective homes to enjoy the holiday season, the Misses Grace Jacobs to Owasco, Mich.; Marguerite Yutzy to Canton, Ohio; Clella Clark to Ithaca, Arvilla Jones to Gaylord; Brigetta Murray and Dorothy Judge to Alma, Mich.; Nellie Loss and Gertrude Ross to Vassar, Mich.; Emma Moehlmann to Montague, Mich.; Alveretta Irving and Myrtle Reagan to Crosswell, Mich.; Leone Lennon to Hurley, Wis.; and Della Hale to Springport. Miss Treveguo of the South side school is ill at Mercy hospital so will be unable to visit her home in Mt. Pleasant.

Remember Frank carries the Florsheim shoe that would make an excellent Christmas gift. F. Dreese.

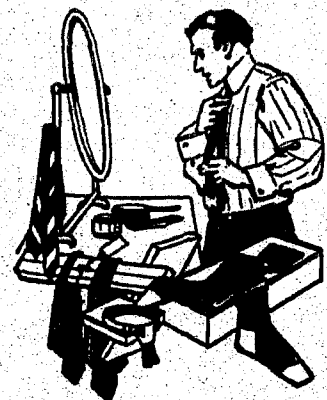
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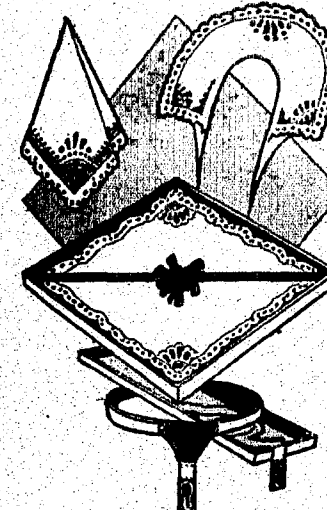
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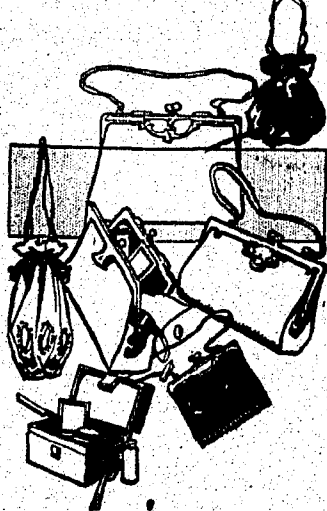
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That your Christmas may be a merry one and your New Year a happy and prosperous one is the sincere wish of the Grayling Mercantile Co.

F. H. Milka has installed a new McCaskey account system in his market. It is one of the most modern systems.

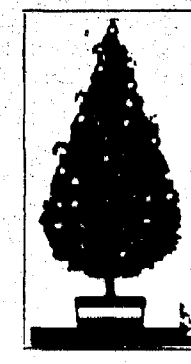
Mrs. J. E. Crowley was in Ann Arbor last week consulting eye specialists. Mr. Crowley joined her in Detroit, where they spent a couple of days, returning home Saturday.

The boys and girls, who are attending the different colleges and educational institutions, are here to enjoy the Christmas festivities at their respective homes. The Misses Bernadette Cassidy and Mabel Nelson from Ferris institute; Helen and Margrothe Bowman from Laell seminary, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Marguerite Chamberlin, Augusta Kraus and Louise Peterson from the normal at Ypsilanti; Stanley Insley from Notre Dame in Indiana; Louis Joseph, Clyde Hum and Harry Connors from the U. of M. at Ann Arbor; Arthur McIntyre and Will J. Lander from M. A. C. at Lansing.

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The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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SYNOPSIS.

Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a successful career in the oil business, dies, leaving a fortune of \$10,000,000. His only son, Stanley, is a playboy, and his daughter, Florence, is a beauty. Stanley is killed by a car, and Florence is left alone. She is discovered by a man named Norton, who is a detective. Norton is hired by a man named Braine, who is a doctor. Braine is a man of mystery, and he is the one who is behind the mystery of the million dollar. Norton is a man of action, and he is the one who is trying to solve the mystery. Florence is a woman of mystery, and she is the one who is the key to the solution. The story is a mystery, and it is a story of love and adventure.

CHAPTER IX—Continued.

"Hello! Where's Ford? He gave me a ticket to the theater tonight, and I want to punch his head. What's the drama coming to, anyhow? Cigarettes and booze and mimed couples. Can't they find good enough things out of doors? Oh, I know. They cater to a lot of fools who believe that what they see is an expression of high life in New York and London. And it's not plain rot. It's merely the scum on the boiling pot. And any old housewife would skim it off and chuck it into the slops. Life? Plim! Plim!"

"What's the grouch?"

"Looking for the dramatic job?"

"No. I've just been wondering how far these theatrical managers can go without sifting the golden goose."

Norton sought his desk and began rummaging the drawers. He was not hunting for anything; he was merely passing away the time. By and by, when the pastime no longer served, he pulled his chair over to the window and sat down, staring at stars such as Copernicus never dreamed of. Ships going down to sea, ferries swooping diagonally hither and thither, the clockwork signs; but he took no note of these marvels of light.

"Not at home!" he muttered.

He had called, written, telephoned. No use. The door remained shut. Jones answered the telephone, and the letters came back. He began to think very deeply concerning the Perigot woman. Had she played a trick? Had that fainting spell been a ruse for his benefit, as well as Florence's? But he had not a shadow of a proof. This thing that puzzled him equally with this was that all attempts against his life had miraculously ceased; no safes thundered down in front of him, and no autos tried to carve him in two. The only thing that kept him active was the daily call of Jones by wire. Miss Florence was well; that was all Jones was permitted to say.

Restlessly Norton spurred his chair and walked over to the telephone booth. It was midnight. He might or might not be able to get Jones. But almost instantly a voice said, "What is it?"

"Jones?"

"Yes. Who is it?"

"Norton."

"Why, you called me up not ten minutes ago."

"Not I?"

"It was your voice, as plain as day."

"What did I want?" Keen all at once. The reply did not come immediately.

"You are certain it was not you?"

"Wait a moment and I'll call the editor. He will prove to you that I've been here for an hour, and that this is the first call I've made. Some one has been imposing on you. What did they ask you to do?"

"You asked me to come down to the office at one o'clock, and you said you could not. I declined to stir."

"What did you think?"

"Exactly what you're thinking—that they have come to life again."

"Jones, is Miss Florence awake?"

"No."

"Do you think there is any hope of having her understand what really happened?"

"I am here only to guard her. I cannot undertake to read her thoughts."

"You're not quite in favor of a reconciliation?"

"Oh, yes, if it went no further. Young people are young people the world over."

"What does that mean?"

"That they would not create imaginative heartaches if they were not young. Better let things remain exactly as they are. When all these troubles are settled finally, the lesser trouble may be talked over sensibly. But this is not the time. There is no news. Good-night."

Norton returned to his chair, gloom-

ler than ever. With his feet upon the window sill he stared and stared and dreamed and dreamed till a hand fell upon his shoulder. It belonged to one of the office boys.

"Note it's you, sir."

Norton read it and tore it into little pieces. Then he rose and distributed the pieces in the several yawning waste baskets which stood the aisle leading to the city dock.

"I'm not wanted for anything," he asked.

"No. Clear out!" laughed the night editor. "The sight of you is putting everybody in the gloom ward."

Norton went down to the street. At the left of the entrance he was quietly joined by a man whose arm was carried in a sling. He motioned Norton to get into the taxi. They were dropped in a deserted spot in Riverdale. On foot they went forward to their destination, which proved to be the deserted hangar of the aviator, William Orlin.

"I want you to tell Jones that a tug and several divers are at work on the spot where he threw the chest. That's all. Now, doctor, remind this arm of mine."

The amateur surgeon made a very good job of it; not for nothing had he followed fighting armies to the front.

"Did they find anything?"

"Not up to date. But we might if we cared to. They have left a buoy over the spot they're exploring. But just now it floats a quarter of a mile to the east of the spot."

"Who were the men in the motor boat that chased Jones?"

"Only Jones can tell you. Queer old coddler, eh?"

"A bit stubborn. He wants to handle it without police assistance."

"And he's right. We are not aiming to arrest anyone," slithered. "There can't be any draw to this game. Here, no smoking. Too much gas about."

Norton put the cigarettes back into his pocket. "What's the real news?" he demanded. "You would not bring me out here just to rebuff me, would you?"

"It really did not need it. Come, out with it."

"You're sharp."

"I'm paid to be sharp."

"I've found where the Black Hundred holds its sessions."

"By George, that's news!"

"The room above is vacant. A little hole in the ceiling, and who knows what might happen?"

"What do you want me to do?"

"Tell Jones. When the next meeting comes around I'll advise you. I've stumbled upon a dissatisfied member. So, buck up, as they say. We've got two ends of the net down, and with a little care we'll have them all. Now let me have a hundred."

Norton drew out a packet of bills and counted off five twenties.

"Why don't you draw the cash yourself?"

"It happens to be in your name, son."

"I forgot," said Norton. "But what a chance for me! Nearly five thousand, all mine for a ticket to Algiers!"

A grunt was the only reply.

"I want you to tell me about the Perigot woman."

"I know only one thing—that Braine is there every night."

"No?"

"The orders are for you to play the game just as you are playing it. When we strike, it must be the last blow. All this hide-and-seek business may look foolish to you. It's like that Japanese game called 'jo'. It looks simple, but chess is a tyro's game beside it. Can you find your way back all right?"

"I can."

"Well, you'd better be going. That's all the light I have, in this torch here. Got a lot to do tomorrow and need sleep."

Norton stole away with great caution. His first intention was to proceed straight to the city, but despite his resolution he found himself within a quarter of an hour gazing up at the windows of the Hargrave house. "Not at home!"

Quite unconscious of the fact, he was as close to death as any mortal man might care to be. The policeman suddenly loomed up under the arc lamp proved to be his savior.

The full moon Jones doubly alert. He was positive that they were preparing to strike again. But from what direction and in what manner? He had not to wait; and waiting is a terrible game when perhaps death is balancing the scales. It is always easier to make an assault than to await it; and it is a good general who always finds himself prepared.

But it made his heart ache to watch the child. She went about cheerfully—when any one was in the room with her. Many a time, however, he had stolen to the door of her bedroom and heard the heart-rending sobs, a vain attempt being made to stifle them among the pillows. She was only eighteen; it was first love; and first loves are pale, evanescent attachments. It hurt now; but she would

get over it presently. Youth forgets. Time, like water, smooths away the ragged places.

The countess called regularly. She was, of course, dreadfully sorry over what had happened. She had heard something about his character; newspaper men weren't always the best. This one was a mere fortune hunter; a two-faced one, at that. She was never more surprised in her life when he threw his arms around her. And so on, and so forth, half lies and half truths, till the patient Jones felt like wringing her neck.

From his vantage point the better smiled ironically. He could read the heart of this Perigot woman as he could read the page of a book. The siffroutery! And all the while he must gravely admit her and pretend upon the blood rited in his veins at the sight of her. But he dared not answer a single inch from the plain laid down. It was a cup of bitter gall, and there was no way of avoiding the putting of it to his lips. She emanated poison as a nightshade emanates it, the upas tree. And he must bow when she entered and bow when she left! Still, she had done him an indirect favor in breaking up this love business.

One afternoon Braine summoned his runabout and called up two physicians. When he was ushered into the deserted office of the first he sent his card in. The doctor replied in person. His face was pale and his hands shook.

"Good afternoon," said Braine, smiling affably.

The doctor eyed him like a man hypnotized. "You... you wished to see me on some particular business?"

"Very particular," dryly. "My car is outside. Will you be so good as to accompany me?"

The doctor slowly went into the hall for his hat and coat. He left the house and got into the car with never a word of protest.

"Thinking," said Braine.

"I am always thinking whenever I see your evil face. What devilment do you require of me this time?"

"A mere stroke of the pen."

"Where are we going?"

"To call on another physician of your standing," significantly. "It is a great thing to have friends like you two. Always ready to serve us, for the mere love of it."

"There's no need of using that kind of talk to me. You have me in the hollow of your hand. Why should I bother to deny it? I have broken the law. I broke it because I was starving."

"It is better to starve in freedom than to eat fat joints up the river. Today it is a question of sanity."

"And you want me to assist in signing away the liberty of some person who is perfectly sane?"

"The nail on the head," urbanely.

"You're a fine scoundrel!"

"Not so loud!" warningly.

"As loud as I please. I am not forgetting that you need me. I'm no coward. I recognize that you hold the whip hand. But you can send me to the chair before I'll crawl to you. Now, leave me alone for a while."

The other physician had no such qualms of conscience. He was ready at all times for the generous emolument which accrued from his dealings with the man Braine.

The Countess Perigot was indisposed; so it was quite in the order of things that she should summon physicians.

There is a law in the state of New York—just or unjust, whichever you please—that reads that any person may be adjudged insane if the signa-

mobile contained Thomas Wendt and his wife Kate. The two young women stopped at the great dry goods shop near the public library, and for the time being naturally forgot everything but the marvels which had come from all parts of the world. It is as natural for a woman to buy as it is for a man to sell.

In some manner or other Florence became separated from Susan. She hunted through aisle after aisle, but could not find her; for the simple reason that Susan was hunting for her. It occurred to the girl that Susan might have wisely concluded the best place to wait would be in the taxi. And so Florence hurried out into the street, into the arms of the Wendt family, who were patiently awaiting her.

The trusted chauffeur had been sent around to the side entrance by the major domo. The young lady had so requested, so he said.

Florence struggled and called for the policeman, who came running up, followed by the usual idle, curious crowd.

"The poor young woman is insane," said the motherly Kate, tears in her eyes. The benign Thomas looked at heaven. "We are her keepers."

"It is not true!" cried Florence desperately.

"She has the hallucination that she is the daughter of the millionaire Stanley Hargrave," And Thomas ex-



Braine and the Countess.

hibited his document, which was perfectly legal, so far as appearances went.

"Hurry up and get her off the walk. I can't have the crowd growing any larger," said the policeman, convinced.

So, despite her cries and protestations, Florence was hustled into the automobile, even the policeman lending a hand.

"Poor young thing!" he said to the crowd. "Come, now, move on. I can't have the walk blocked up. Get a gait on you."

He was congratulating himself upon the orderliness of the affair when a keen-eyed young man in the garb of a chauffeur touched his shoulder.

"What's this I hear about an insane woman?" he demanded.

"She was insane, all right. They had papers to prove it. She kept crying that she was Stanley Hargrave's daughter."

"My God!" The young man struck his forehead in despair. "You say, she was Stanley Hargrave's daughter, and they've kidnapped her right under your nose! What was the number of that car?"

"Cut out that line of talk, young fellow! I know my business. They had the proper documents."

"But you hadn't brains enough to inquire whether they were genuine or not!" yelled the crowd. "I'll have you broken for this work!"

He wheeled and ran back to his car, to find Susan and the countess in a great state of agitation. "They got her, they got her! And I swore on the book that they never should, so long as I drove the car."

Susan wept, and the countess tried in vain to console her.

And when Jones was informed how frightened even the countess was with the snarl of rage which burned across his face. He took into the hall, seized his hat, and was gone. Not a word of reproach did he offer to the chauffeur. He understood that no one is infallible. He found the blundering policeman, who now realized that he stood in for a while of the commissioner's carpet. All he could do was to give a good description of the man and woman. Word was sent broadcast through the city. The police had to be informed this time.

Late in the day an officer whose beat included the ferry landing at Hoboken said he had seen the three. Everything had looked all right to him. It was the motherly face of the one and the benign countenance of the other that had blinded him.

At midnight Jones, haggard and with the air of one beaten, returned home.

"No wireless yet?" asked Norton.

"The George Washington of the North German Lloyd does not answer. Something has happened to her wires; tampered with, possibly."

"So long as we know they are at sea, we can remedy the evil. They will not be able to land at a single port. I have sent ten cables. They can't avoid them from the wire. If I could only get hold of the names of those damnable doctors who signed that document! Twenty years."

Jones bent his head in his hands, and Norton tramped the floor till the sound of his footsteps threatened to

drive the moaning Susan into hysterics.

"It is only a matter of a few days," said the child and the terror. "Who knows that they may not really drive her insane?"

On board the George Washington every one felt extremely sorry for this beautiful girl. It was a frightful misfortune to be so stricken at her age.

"She is certainly insane," said one of the passengers, who had known Hargrave slightly through some banking business. "Hargrave wasn't married. He lived alone."

After the second day out Florence was permitted to wander about the ship as she pleased.

A good many of the passengers were mightily worried when they learned that the wireless had in some mysterious way been tampered with after the boat had made the open sea. It was impossible to keep the apparatus must be fixed at sea.

And when finally Norton's wireless caught the wires of the George Washington he was gravely informed that the young lady referred to had leaped the rail of the Banks at night and had been drowned. She had not been missed till the following morning.

CHAPTER X.

The Past a Blank.

It was perfectly true that Florence had cast herself into the sea. It had not been an act of despair, however. On the contrary, hope and courage had prompted her to leap. The night was clear, with only a moderate sea running. At the time the great ship was passing the banks, and almost within hail she saw a fishing schooner riding gracefully at anchor. She could readily believe that if she remained on board the George Washington she was lost. She naturally forgot the marvel of wireless telegraphy. No longer may a man hide at sea.

So, with that quick thought which was a part of her inheritance, she seized the life buoy, climbed the rail and leaped far out. As the great, dark, tossing sea swooped up to meet her she noted a block of wood bobbing up and down. She tried to avoid it, but could not, and struck it head on. Despite the blow and the shock of the chill water she instinctively clung to the buoy. The wash from the mighty propellers tossed her about, hither and yon, from one swirl to another, like a chip of wood. Then everything grew blank.

Fortunately for her the master of the fishing schooner was at the time standing on his quarterdeck by the wheel, squinting through his glass at the liner and envying the ease and comfort of those on board her. The mate, sitting on the steps and smoking his turning-in pipe, saw the master lean forward suddenly, lower the glass, then raise it again.

"Lord a'mighty!"

"What's the matter, cap'n?"

"Jake, in God's name, come 'ere an' take a peek through this glass. I'm dreamin'!"

The mate jumped and took the glass. "Where away, sir?"

"A pint off 'a starboard bow. See somethin' white bobbin' up?"

"Yessir! Looks like some one dropped a bolster 'r a pillar overboard. . . . Cod's whiskers!" he broke off.

"Then I ain't really seein' things," cried the master. "Hi, y' lubbers! Ye yelled to the crew; 'lower th' dory. There's a woman in th' water out there. I seen her leap th' rail. Look alive! Sharp's th' word! Mate, you go 'long."

The crew dropped their tasks and sprang for the davits, and the starboard dory was lowered in shipshape style.

It takes a good bit of seamanship to haul a body out of the sea, into a dancing bobtailed dory, when one moment it is climbing frantically heavenward and the next heading for the bottomless pit. They were very tender with her. They laid her out in the bottom of the boat, with the life buoy as a pillow, and pulled energetically for the schooner. She was alive, because she breathed; but she did not stir so much as an eyelid. It was a stiff bit of work, too, to land her aboard without adding to her injuries. The master ordered the men to put her in his own bunk, where he nearly strangled her by forcing raw brandy down her throat.

"Well, she's alive, anyhow."

When Florence finally opened her eyes the gray of dawn lay on the sea, dotted here and there by the schooners of the fleet, which seemed to be hanging in midair, as at the moment there was visible to the eye no horizon.

"Don't seem 't recognize nothin'."

"Mebbe she's got a fever," suggested the mate, rubbing his bristly chin.

"Fever nothin'! Not after bein' in th' water half an hour. Mebbe she hit one o' them wooden floats we left. They dinged liners keep on crowdin' us," growled Barnes, with a fisherman's hate for the floating hotels.

"Went by without a toot. See 'er, jes' like th' banker's wife golt' n' church on Sunday? A mile a minute; fog or no fog, it's all the same 't them. They run us down an' never stop. What th' tarnation we goin' to do? She'll haf 't stay aboard till th' rain is over. I can't afford 't yank up my mudhook this time o' day."

"Guess she can stand thre' 'r four days in our company, smellin' oil-cloths, fish, kerosene, an' punk 't'acco."

"If y' don't like th' kind o' 't'acco I buy your own. I ain't objectin' none."

The mate stepped over to the bunk and gingerly ran his hand over the girl's head. "Cod's whiskers, cap'n, they's a bump as big's a cork on th'

back o' her head! She's struck one o' them floats all right. Where's th' armics?"

Barnes turned to his locker and rummaged about, finally producing an ancient bottle and some passably clean cloth used frequently for bandages. Sometimes a man grew careless with his knife or got in the way of a pulley block. With blundering kindness the two men bound up the girl's head, and then went about their duties.

For three days Florence evinced not the slightest inclination to leave the bunk. She lay on her back either asleep or with her eyes staring at the beams above her head. She ate just enough to keep her alive; and the strong black coffee did nothing more than to make her wakaful. No one knew what the matter was. There was the bump, now diminished; but that it should leave her in this comatose state was a puzzle to the men. The truth is she had suffered a slight concussion of the brain, and this, atop of all the worry she had had for the last few weeks, was sufficient to cause this blankness of the mind.

The final cod was cleaned and packed away in salt, the mudhook raised, and the schooner Betty set her sails for the southwest. Barnes realized that to save the girl she must have a doctor who knew his business. Mrs. Barnes would know how to care for the girl, once she knew what the trouble was. There would be some news in the papers. A young and beautiful woman did not jump from a big Atlantic liner without the newspapers getting hold of the facts.

A fair wind carried the Betty into her haven, and shortly after Florence was sleeping peacefully in a feather bed, ancient, it is true, but none the less soft and inviting. In all this time she had not spoken a single word.

"The poor young thing!" murmured the motherly Mrs. Barnes. "What beautiful hair! O, John, I wish you would give up the sea. I hate it. It's terrible. I am always watching you in my mind's eye, in calm weather, in storms. Pieces of wrecks come ashore, and I always wonder over the death and terror back of them."

"Don't y' worry none about me, Betty. I never take no chances. Now I'm goin' int' th' village an' bring back th' sawbones. He'll tell us what t' do."

The village doctor shook his grizzled head gravely.

"She's been hurt and shocked at the same time. It will be many days before she comes around to herself. Just let her do as she pleases. Only keep an eye on her so that she doesn't wander off and get lost. I'll watch the newspapers and if I come across anything which bears upon the case I'll notify you."

But he searched the newspapers in vain, for the simple fact that he did not think to glance over the old ones.

The village took a good deal of interest in the affair. They gossiped about it and strolled out to the Barnes' cottage to satisfy their curiosity. One thing was certain to their simple minds: some day Barnes would get a great sum of money for his kindness. They had read about such things in the family story paper. She was a rich man's daughter; the ring on the unknown's finger would have fitted out a fleet.

Florence was soon able to walk about. Ordinary conversation she seemed to understand; but whenever the past was broached she would

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A Vision of the Glorified

By REV. L. W. CORNELL
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TEXT—His servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face: and his name shall be in their forehead.—Rev. 22:3, 4

The Bible tells little of the intermediate state. The early Christian death, but the coming of Lord, True, who are Christ are in blissful state, resting from their labors, "at home with the Lord" and enjoying the sweets of Paradise (Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:8 R. V. margin; II Cor. 12:4). But "man was made for corporeity" and will not reach perfection until clothed with a glorified body. The text exhibits some privileges of the finally redeemed who will dwell in "the holy city, new Jerusalem."

Service.

"His servants shall serve him." The common idea of heaven is as a place of rest, and it will be so. Earth is full of weary ones, and the millions who follow Buddhism, with its teaching of annihilation as the final blessedness, are evidence of the craving for rest. But heaven may be a place of rest and of service too. Says MacLaren: "Work at its intensest, which is pleasurable work and level to the capacity of the doer, is the truest form of rest. In vacuity there are slings and torments: it is only in joyous activity, which is not pushed to the extent of strain and unwholesome effort that the true rest of man is to be found."

What will the service be? Those who are faithful over a few things will be made rulers over many. In the regeneration, the apostles will sit on thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel (Matt. 19:28); and we hear of saints who will rule over five cities or ten (Luke 19); this seems to point to millennial times, when the glorified will share the government of earth. Again, Ephesians 2:7 shows we have been saved "that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Wondering angels will magnify the grace of God in us. One of large vision says, "We know not what new spheres may be opened for the exercise of the powers of those who shall reign in life."

"His servants shall do him priestly service," is the literal meaning of the phrase before us. While it will be all work, it will be all worship. It will be the happy estate of Mary and Martha combined. Work will be worship and worship will be work, yet in both we shall rest, sitting at Jesus' feet.

Vision.

"They shall see his face." This seems to contradict some scriptures which tell us man will never see God. True, in a sense we can never see God. God is a spirit and cannot be seen corporeally; we may never behold more than a symbol of him, as Stephen saw "the glory of God," yet this would not preclude our knowing him, for "spirit with spirit can meet." Moreover, we shall not see God in the sense of finding him out to perfection; he is infinite and we shall have always before us the joy of discovery.

But while this is true, we shall see Jesus, who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." He is the word by whom God is revealed. We see now through a glass darkly, but then, face to face. We would not minimize the work of the Holy Ghost in us, revealing Christ, but the early Christians longed to behold the face of their Lord; their cry was, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Knowing as I am known.
How shall I love that word,
And oft repeat before the throne—
"Forever with the Lord."

Likeness.

"His name shall be in their foreheads." This speaks of ownership. But it suggests likeness, too, for in Scripture the name stands for manifested character; we shall have God's image stamped upon us. We seek to be holy now, but there we shall have attained. "We shall be like him."

There is no sin in heaven: Behold that happy throne,
All glorious in their spotless robes,
All holy in their song!

"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 4:17-18).

Where Love Is, There Is God.
Thoughts that disturb and trouble us seldom come from God. It is generally best to put them away, and throw ourselves with increased trust in him and mistrust of self, at his feet. And never forget, amid whatever may befall you—dread, coldness, desolation and disappointment, consciousness of many faults, and of great weakness and want of faith—that where love is there God is sure to be. He never yet has forsaken any soul to fall wholly from him which, amid all its frailties and failings, clings to him in love.—H. L. Moody, 1897.

OWES HIS LIFE TO MEASLES

Man Afflicted With Tuberculosis and Given Up to Die Has the Laugh on the Doctors.

If the doctors have given you up to die of tuberculosis don't do it but go and get a dose of the measles and when you have recovered from the combination you will not have any tuberculosis, and will be as likely to outlive the doctor as he will be to outlive you. This may seem like a

peculiar remedy, but a man named Trotter, who was given up to die by his physician, has outlived the doctor. Trotter was of a jolly disposition, and kept on his feet and out of doors a large part of his time, but it finally became only a question of days, and was no recovered by the sick man and all his friends. About this time an epidemic of measles broke out in the neighborhood, and as Trotter had never had the disease the doctor advised him to leave the locality, as to contract it would surely kill him.

Trotter replied: "Well, Doc, you say I've given to die anyhow; I reckon I'll stay to die with the ole man an' die with a good taste in my mouth." He got the measles and had it from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. The disease remained with him as long proportionately as he was physically (he was six feet four inches tall), but despite the doctor's prophecies he got well and when he was well of the measles he was well of the tuberculosis, and though the doctor told him

one lung was gone and half of the other one, he persisted in remaining a well man, and outlived the doctor and nearly all his neighbors. It would be a heroic remedy for a man given up to die to seek, but Trotter's philosophy proved to have a better foundation than that of the doctor who had done all that his education and experience enabled him to do.

Get the Best of Jeffries.
A story is told of an old Puritan and his encounter with Judge Jeffries in

the seventeenth century. Jeffries, hearing the case against the Puritan, was trying to make fun of the old man, as was his habit. "I honor you, sir," said the judge, sneeringly, "from your head to your feet." "And I honor you, sir," said the old Puritan, "from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet." "I honor you," went on the judge, "from Land's End to John O'Groats." "And I honor you from the Equator to the Antipodes." "I honor you," said the judge, "from the gates of Hell." The Puritan

didn't reply at once. Then he said, "Sir, there is a passage in Holy Writ that says, 'Answer a fool according to his folly.' I have done so. But there is another passage that says, 'Answer not a fool according to his folly.' Sir, I decline to follow you to Hell!"

It is to be regretted that the man who counts on his fingers is not apt to be so disappointed as the man who counts on his friends.

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NEW IN CONFIDENCE GAMES

Mining Promoter Working in New York is Very Evidently a Man of Ideas.

Edgar Lewis, moving picture director, told a story to his guests in a cafe of a confidence man with new ideas. He called the swindler Nat Pierce in telling the story. Mr. Lewis said that he was sitting near a group of rich westerners in the Waldorf when he heard a voice calling "Nat Pierce, please." The westerners became interested. One of them said:

"That is the name of the clever promoter we met today. Let's see who is calling on him."

They stopped the page and took the card. It was that of Senator Ellihu Root.

"Ha, ha!" they said, "he must be all right. Here is Senator Root's card."

Soon another page came through "Peacock alley" calling "Nat Pierce, please!" The westerners stopped him and looked at the card. It was that of M. J. Jusseland, the French ambassador.

"This is enough!" they chorused, and went out to look for Nat Pierce and his glittering opportunity. They found him carefully shuffling a collection of cards ranging from Governor-elect Whitman to that of President Poincaré of the republic of France.—New York Sun.

At the First Signs
Of falling hair get Cuticura. It works wonders. Touch spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment, and follow next morning with a hot shampoo of Cuticura Soap. This at once arrests falling hair and promotes hair growth. For free sample each with 32-p. Skin Book, address post card: Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Their Trouble.
A member of the board of education, serving as chairman of the board of superintendents, was in need of a teacher, and he wanted a certain woman whom he knew to have passed the examination satisfactorily, but who for some reason had not yet been assigned. In his indignation he called up the office of the board and in a sharp, impatient voice asked:
"What is the matter with the board of superintendents, anyway?"
"The trouble with the board of superintendents," came the slowly drawled reply, "is that they take themselves too seriously. They forget that God made them just for the fun of it."—New York Evening Post.

Overheard by Mr. Mills.
At lunch, a Western Union office girl was reading a letter from a chum to the other girls. Describing a new dress the letter said: "It is certainly an de steele."
"Fin de steele?" repeated one of the girls, "what does that mean?"
"I don't know. Fin sounds like a fish. Maybe it means it was trimmed with fish net."—New York Sun.

Beautiful, clear white clothes delight the laundress who uses Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers. Adv.

Her Collateral.
"Excuse me," said Bridget, putting her head in at the cashier's window, "but do I understand that you find money here on character?"
"Why—yes," hesitated the cashier. "This Old folks fifty dollars, sorry on money," said Bridget, producing a number of greasy references. "They're sivil y thin from me previous employers."

But the cashier had had the idea of explaining the intricacies of collateral to a lady with seven characters was too appalling.—Judge.

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Children and Old-Fashioned Toys



"CHILDREN are conservative beings, even old-fashioned, when it comes to choosing toys. They aren't up to date and as full of the modern spirit of progress and invention as the toymakers believe them to be."

Thus spoke one who is a sort of professional Santa Claus—that is, he has played the part at so many Sunday school Christmas parties that he sometimes imagines he is growing cotton whistles.

"They display the same quaint, simple, old-fashioned taste as their grandfathers and grandmothers when they were children," he continued. "Most of them, do, anyhow. Every year the toy manufacturers break loose with a new crop of automatic racing cars, aeroplanes, submarines, fire engines and kicking donkeys. If the children were constructed on the same nervous clock-work plan, they would give old Santa Claus no rest unless he kept up with all the modern inventions. Instead of toy soldiers they would demand mortar batteries, and they would not be satisfied with mooley cows, but would demand that they have pedigree and give only certified milk and cream."

"They would not accept a Noah's ark unless it was a combination of the steamship Lusitania and a modern cement bungalow, with sleeping porches, twin-screw propellers, electric searchlights, wireless apparatus, second chattel mortgage—in fact, all the comforts of ship and home complete. They would require Mr. Noah to carry a pilot's license as well as a college degree in natural history. All the animals would have to be trained to do tricks, and poor Noah's family would have a fine time herding them while wearing wooden raincoats and stove-pipe hats."

"Fortunately children, real children, are not constructed that way. They want their arks on the old-fashioned plan, whereby you lift off the roof and find Noah minus his head, and most of the animals trying to hobble on three legs."

"Automobiles in miniature, with real

upholstered seats and rubber tires may fascinate a small boy for a few hours, but you'd better place your faith in a good, old-fashioned rocking horse, with saddle and stirrups, and a mane and tail of real hair. The rocking horse is not going out of fashion by a long way, and I predict that in the horseless age, if that time ever comes, our children's children will be jerking the mane of a wooden 'horse' and whipping him on his painted flanks, and trying to feed him crackers. Also, they'll be falling off his back and bumping their little foreheads in the old-fashioned way, and 'horses' will have to be thrashed and locked up in the clothes closet for his bad behavior."

"And as for dolls, you've got to give them real 'baby dolls' and not grand ladies in the latest tango gowns and hats. For the last 50 years or so doting parents who are well to do have been trying the experiment of presenting their little girls with waxen fashion models—only to find the precious one crying for the rag baby of the laundress' daughter. Children show the real mother instinct when they spurn the 'play-child' which is too dresy and up to date."

"I have one friend, the father of a large and lively family. I make him happy every Christmas time by presenting his kids with a bunch of cheap, mechanical toys. After about half an hour of winding them up, the little ones tire of the clicking wonders and return to their woolly dogs, rubber dolls and other simple favorites. That is when father's fun begins. He insists on winding up the toys and running them all Christmas day, ostensibly for the pleasure of his youngsters. He does not cease winding until the toys begin to get out of order, and then he has the additional pleasure of trying to repair them."

Sometimes I think that a manufacturer could make a fortune selling toys just for grown-ups. Seeing a bunch of adults busy working mechanical toys reminds me of the time when the whole family insists on taking little Johnny to the circus."

TO KNOW FUTURE HUSBAND

Many Old English Customs and Superstitions Center Around Christmas.

All down the ages girls have been eager to find out their future destiny—whether they will be "old maids," or, as they are now called, "bachelor girls," or wives and mothers. Christmas, as well as all the other festivals, has been allotted its customs and superstitions through which the secret of the future may be learned.

To find the answer to the important question, wife or old maid, a girl had to go alone on Christmas eve and knock on the henhouse door. If a cock answered her knock by crowing, she would be married, but if no cock crowed in answer, then she would be an old maid. This undertaking would require a good deal of courage in the old days of superstition, as on Christmas eve evil spirits were supposed to have increased power and ghosts were supposed to prow around.

If a girl wished to know the name of her future husband she took four onions and named each one after a boy friend. She then placed one in each corner of a room and the one that sprouted before January 6 bore the name of the man she would marry.

In some districts this was carried out rather differently. Several onions were selected and named and placed close together, and the one that sprouted first gave the name that was to be hers. We can imagine how carefully the warmest place would be chosen for some special onion.

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"Yesterday after an internal shrapnel and rifle fire, we suddenly found ourselves in a German village, where I am now sitting at a pretty writing table, drinking red wine and scribbling to you."

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HE WAS THANKFUL.

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"John," said the Loving Wife, "I intended to get you a nice new necktie for Christmas, but I am ashamed to acknowledge that in the rush of the shopping I completely forgot it."

"Thank you, nevertheless," said the Happy Husband.

ANNUAL "HOLLER" DAY.

When children have their Christmas toys the house will ring with laughter; and thus, in truth, by girls and boys, is Christmas made a "holler" day.

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A Christmas Carol

BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street
From the mistletoe boughs;
Hark! They play so sweet,
On their hollyhock, Christmas songs
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

IN December ring
Every day the chimneys;
Lead the gleaming string
In the streets their merry rhymes.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

SHEPHERDS at the grange,
Where the Babe was born,
Sing with many a change
Christmas carols until morn.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

THESE good people sang
Songs devout and sweet;
While the angels sang:
Then they stood with freezing feet.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

NUNS in flight cells
At this holy tide,
For want of something else,
Christmas songs of times have tried.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

WHO by the fireside stands,
Stamps his feet and sings;
But he who blows his hands
Not so gay a carol brings.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

HANGING MISTLETOE

Origin of Custom Associated With Christmas Festivities.

Plant is Surrounded With Many Superstitions in European Countries—Sign of Ill Omen in Some Parts of Ireland.

THE good old custom of hanging mistletoe from the ceiling at the Christmas festivities is said to have its origin in the idea that since the plant did not have its roots in the ground no part of it should ever be permitted to touch the earth.

Among the Saxons the fact that mistletoe was suspended from the roof of a dwelling intimated to the wayfarer that the hospitality of the house was at his disposal, and beneath its branches friend and stranger, vassal and lord, gathered in comradeship and good cheer.

The religious aspect of the mistletoe tradition, which had its origin in the Druidical rites and the gathering of it by the archdruid with his golden sickle, was prominent in the sale of the C. H. & D. which for the second time is in the hands of a receiver.

The kiss of the Scandinavian goddess expanded into the custom of a kiss given for every berry that grew on the bough. Small wonder that, in spite of the mistletoe having originally existed in the odor of the sanctuary, the church came to regard it as an entirely pagan symbol and refused to allow it to participate with the lily and the evergreen in the Yuletide decorations.

There is an ancient belief that the mistletoe was the tree from which the holy cross was hewn and that after this was made the plant withered and ever afterward became a mere parasitic growth, clinging for support to other and sturdier trees.

Other stories, however, credit it with divine gifts in the healing of diseases and the expulsion of evil spirits. Ram, the high priest of the Celts, received in a dream the intimation that by enabling a plant he would be enabled to save his people from the plague which was devastating them. To celebrate their deliverance he instituted the feast of Noel (now health), a midwinter holiday, which has come to be considered coincident with the new year.

In many parts of the United Kingdom the silver berries and the gray-green leaves of the mistletoe are looked upon as anything but an emblem of good cheer; on the contrary, the plant is regarded with dread as being the bringer of ill luck and the sign of ill omen. This superstition exists both in Devonshire and in Ireland, and, strange to say, in neither of these places does the plant flourish, owing, report has it, to the fact that both incurred the displeasure of the Druids and were in consequence cursed in such a way that their soil became incapable of nourishing the sacred growth.

In the sixth book of Aeneid a lengthy description of the mistletoe is given by Virgil, who makes the Sybil describe to his hero the exact spot in hades where he will find it growing. There is little doubt that the strange, ethereal appearance of the little opaque berry is largely responsible for the mystic character it has enjoyed among the people of diverse nations from the earliest historical times.

You can no more live with fear in war than in peace without a heart. To murder is sometimes necessary, sometimes glorious—never a crime. Things like regular sleep, proper food or hygiene one looks upon as crazy anomalies.

"We seek other forms of beauty and delights in the exploits of beauty and in the beauty of the dark sky shot through along the whole horizon with tongues of flame. One seeks new horizons in the booming of the cannon and the crackling of rifles."

WOMAN CONFESSES DETROIT MURDER

SLAYER OF AGED MISS BOMHOLT IS SAID TO BE MRS. ANTOINETTE BECKER.

SAYS ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

Mystery Surrounding Awful Crime of Last Wednesday is Cleared Up By Statement of Accused Woman.

Detroit.—Mrs. Antoinette Becker, 58 years old, 38 Twentieth street, confessed Sunday night, police say, that she killed Miss Frances Bomholt, the aged woman who was beaten to death in her home at 27 Austin street last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Becker is the woman who sold bread and pastry to Miss Bomholt. The latter often had befriended her, giving her clothing and money.

Miss Bomholt was beaten to death with a piece of coal, Mrs. Becker confessed, while she was kneeling at her bedside, praying forgiveness for her assault, who had attacked her first in the coal shed in the rear of her home.

Robbery was the motive. A \$10 and a \$5 bill, which Mrs. Becker said she took from "a drawer" in the pantry in the aged woman's home after the killing, was found in the toe of a shoe in Mrs. Becker's home, which Miss Bomholt had given Mrs. Becker two weeks ago for the latter's son.

Mrs. Becker confessed to Inspector John B. Downey, who has had personal charge of the investigation, Commissioner Gillespie, Assistant Prosecutor Jansowski, Bertram D. Connolly, stenographer in Judge Connolly's court, Detectives Wilson, Lannan, John P. Smith, Martin Reid and Dible, who had been cloaked with many hours Sunday afternoon and evening.

EUGENE ZIMMERMAN IS DEAD

Prominent Railroad Magnate Passes Away Suddenly in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati.—Eugene Zimmerman, former president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad and wealthy financier of this city died suddenly at a club here late Sunday from hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Zimmerman was the father of the Duchess of Manchester.

When he was seized by the fatal attack he was engaged in studying records of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad preparatory. It is believed, to testifying before Commissioner Hall, of the interstate commerce commission, who is conducting an investigation of the sale of that road and the Pere Marquette to J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Zimmerman was active in bringing about the union of the two railroads and was prominent in the sale of the C. H. & D. which for the second time is in the hands of a receiver.

Mexicans Promise to Move. Washington.—Consul Agent Carothers telegraphed the state department Sunday that Gov. Mayorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging Gen. Hill's garrison at Naco, Sonora, was preparing to withdraw his troops to a point 10 or 12 miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further bringing American territory.

This move has been awaited by officials here since Provisional President Gutierrez announced that he had directed Mayorena to abandon the attack on Naco unless the operations could be carried on without sending bullets across the international line.

Kaiser Thanks Army Corps. Karlsruhe, via Berlin to London.—Grand Duchess Louise of Baden has received the following telegram from Emperor William:

"Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian army, after desperate fighting, retreats and is being pursued along the entire front."

"It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honors."

Emperor William also thanked in a telegram, the Fourteenth army corps, which participated prominently in the fighting on the Russian center.

BRIEF NEWS OF WAR

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam says: "The Germans have evacuated Diamide, but the report that the allies have taken Middlekerke is untrue."

Berlin, via The Hague and London.—The Neuesten Nachrichten prints a Brussels dispatch estimating the losses of the allies in the Yser campaign at 215,000 up to Dec. 1. This total is made up of 60,000 Belgians, 80,000 English and 75,000 French.

London.—The admiralty announced Sunday that the British steamer Tritonia of the Donaldson line, bound from Partington for St. John, N. B., struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland Saturday morning and is believed to have foundered. The crew, however, was landed safely.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, via Petrograd, and London.—By authority of Grand Duke Nicholas a Polish legion has been organized. The Russian army contains many Polish volunteers, but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a distinctive flag to be accepted.

London.—A dispatch from Calais reports that two bombs were dropped by a German hydroaeroplane that flew over Calais Sunday afternoon. One of the missiles dropped in the sea and the other struck near the railway station without causing any damage.

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HIS COMING TIME OF EASE

Georgia Farmer Was Looking Forward to Period When Hard Work Should Be Over.

A lumber buyer was staying overnight in a little farmhouse in the backwoods of northern Georgia. The men of the house did nothing but sit by the fire and chew tobacco. The lumberman had told how he had held his job for seven years.

"You got me beat," said the old cracker. "I've only held mine for six years."

"What is your job?" asked the lumberman.

"Oh, I sit by de fire and watch dat de kids don't fall in."

"What do you do in the summer?" he asked.

"I sit by de well and pull de kids out when dey falls in."

"What will you do when the children grow up and don't need watchin'?" he asked.

"Den, I s'pose I's goner take things easy and retire," he said.

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Fastidious Shopping.
A butcher in a "nice part" of town tells of the curious whims of some of his well-to-do patrons.

One of them, it appears, rushed into his shop just about closing time and exclaimed:

"My husband desired that I should come in this afternoon and order some special English chops, and I've been so busy until now I haven't had the time. Now I shall be compelled to carry them. And couldn't you please have them wrapped so that they will look like a book?"

At the Front.
"I have enlisted as a chauffeur."

"Well, my boy, drive your car like a man and a soldier."

"Father, I'll spill my last drop of gasoline in defense of my country."

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The Avalanche extends to all its readers
a Merry Christmas and a Happy
and Prosperous New Year



Christmas.

MENDELSSOHN Eight 7/8, with Refrain. MENDELSSOHN.

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing... Glo - ry to the

new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,

God and sis - ters re - con - ciled! 2. Joy - ful, all ye

an - gels, rise - Join the tri - umph of the skies;

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

REFRAIN, after each Stanza.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new - born King. A - men.

3. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

5. Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the soul of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

4. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

6. Risen with healing in His wings,
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Amen.

G. WHEELER.

A Merry Christmas to All

By the time this paper reaches you it will be time to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. So here goes. It will soon be a year since I settled in your midst, apparently I am as happy and contented as I ever have been in my life, excepting my inspirations and my ambitions. It seems too good to me and makes me more ambitious each year to accomplish greater things in my special lines.

In the face of the change of the time in which we are all taking notice at this writing, it looks evident from the present standing and surroundings there will be more useful than ornamental articles used during these holidays. To this end I have used my best judgment in selecting more of the useful than the ornamental articles in my store. In the face of the cold weather what is more useful than many of the articles here enumerated. How can a child be pleased when the feet, ears or hands are freezing? Can you soothe them with a toy? What is more heart rendering than to have the husband come home at night with wet, cold hands wearing a pair of cotton mitts, when you can get a good pair of wool mitts at Frank's for 25c. Those big heavy 36c sox Frank is selling for 25c make the heart glad and brings out the smile.

This store is no more or less than a hole in the wall and is filled with good things to the brim and when it is crowded with merry ambitious customers I am obliged to say "sit down you are rocking the boat." From now until Xmas I am going to leave it all to you to come and spend your money for good things. If I have invited you once I have a thousand times and here give you the big benevolent invitation again. I have no time or space to give you prices this time, so come to the store and see for yourself.

Ladies' and Men's Slippers in felts and leather.

Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs at all prices.

Ladies' and Men's ready-to-wear clothing
Ladies' and Men's Shoes from \$2.75 to \$5.50.

Ladies' Shoes from \$1.85 to \$4.50.
Girls, Boys and Children's Shoes at all prices.

Nice Cups and Saucers from 5c to 75c.

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Nice Poodle Dogs for children, can not break.

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Suit Cases; a good line for the holidays.

Hand Bags at right prices.

Men's and Boys' Caps, Wool and Leather Gloves.

Men's Overcoats going at a rate of one a day at the price.

Come in and look me over for Bargains in First-Class Goods.

Frank Dreese

The Yellow Front Store, opposite Court House

Local News

Frank Kiasner of Big Rapids was a guest of Miss Florence Countryman last Thursday.

William Lamont of Montpelier, Ohio, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Al Cramer.

Sorenson Bros' furniture store and M. Simpson Est., grocery, are passing out beautiful calendars this week.

Miss Helen Reagan is home from the Ursuline Academy in Toledo, Ohio, to spend the holiday season.

Lorne Douglas visited relatives and friends here this week enroute to his home in Johannesburg from the U. of M. at Ann Arbor.

Miss Lillie Fischer, who is a teacher in the primary department of the Johannesburg schools, is spending the holidays at her home.

F. M. Gates, accompanied by his niece, Miss Lilla Gates visited the former's son, Clyde, here over Sunday. They were enroute from Boyne City to Detroit, where they expect to make their home.

The new Grayling fish hatchery has begun active operations and now has on hand a half million eggs which are in process of hatching. Another shipment of a half million eggs are expected this week. The public is invited to visit the hatchery at any time they may care to do so.

Arthur Ostrander was taken to the asylum at Traverse City last Saturday by Sheriff Benedict. He has been laboring under a slight mental trouble for a few weeks and it is hoped that his treatment there will bring on an early recovery. His case is considered very slight and no serious trouble is anticipated.

The new balcony at the opera house will be completed and formally opened on Christmas night. This will seat about 125 people and is an extension of the former small balcony. This addition will extend about 16 feet further out into the room than before, and is heavily supported and Mr. Overton says "perfectly safe." For the opening night the balcony will be specially decorated for the occasion, by Henry Joseph. On Saturday night will be produced the movie play, "Soldiers of Fortune," with Dustin Farnum playing the leading role. This is a great war picture reproducing some of the scenes of the Cuban war.

Beaver Creek Breezes.

Glen Hanna has returned home from Buffalo, N. Y., where he has been working.

Mrs. Jennie Peters and little son are visiting at the home of her mother Mrs. Ralph Hanna.

Mrs. Geo. Annis has just returned

home from Sigma, where he was called by the illness and death of his sister, Mrs. Kniss.

John Hanna, Jr., has returned from Mexico after a three years absence from his home in Beaver Creek.

Miss Pearl Foland has returned to her home in Beaver Creek after a few weeks visit in Grayling.

Notice of Meeting of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford:

In the matter of the estate of John W. Wallace, deceased.
Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the eighth day of December, A. D. 1914, we are allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the Frederic bank in Frederic in said county, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1915, and on the eighth day of April, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated December 17th, A. D. 1914.
JAS. A. KALAHAN,
T. E. LEWIS,
Commissioners.

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Sick Two Years With Indigestion.

"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers.



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Notice of Hearing Claims Before Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford:

In the matter of the estate of Christian W. Range, deceased.
Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 17th day of Oct., A. D. 1914, we are allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of the county clerk in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the second day of January, A. D. 1915, and on the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated November 17, A. D. 1914.
JOHN J. NEIDREER,
ALLEN B. FAILING,
Commissioners.

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A. M.	P. M.	iv	ar	P. M.	iv	ar	A. M.
6.00	12.25	iv	Grayling	11.55	iv	ar	14.35
6.24	12.34	iv	Resort	11.46	iv	ar	14.46
6.54	3.02	iv	Sigma	11.19	iv	ar	3.02
8.21	3.29	iv	Rowley	12.48	iv	ar	1.56
9.20	3.55	iv	Walton	12.25	iv	ar	1.10
11.13	4.39	iv	Buckley	11.03	iv	ar	1.13
4.59	iv	ar	Glengarry	10.39	iv	ar	4.59
5.37	iv	ar	Rvr Brch	9.55	iv	ar	5.37
5.44	iv	ar	Kaleva	9.45	iv	ar	5.44
5.54	iv	ar	Chief lake	9.39	iv	ar	5.54
6.01	iv	ar	Norwalk	9.39	iv	ar	6.01
6.34	iv	ar	Manistee	9.15	iv	ar	6.34

A. M.	P. M.	iv	ar	P. M.	iv	ar	A. M.
17.35	13.00	iv	Manistee	12.15	iv	ar	16.45
8.21	3.47	iv	Kaleva	11.23	iv	ar	6.00
8.43	4.11	iv	Rvr Brch	11.00	iv	ar	5.35
8.49	4.18	iv	Copemish	10.49	iv	ar	5.21
9.23	4.53	iv	Nessen Cy	10.17	iv	ar	4.53
9.31	5.01	iv	Platte Rvr	10.07	iv	ar	4.47
9.48	5.15	iv	Lake Ann	9.48	iv	ar	4.30
9.54	5.21	iv	Solon	9.48	iv	ar	4.30
10.10	5.35	iv	Fouch	9.06	iv	ar	4.24
10.10	5.35	iv	Traverse C	9.20	iv	ar	4.10

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